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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: R. Douglas Cassel

Confirmation No.: 3378

Serial No.: 10/669,365

Art Unit: 1618

Filed: September 25, 2003

Examiner: Vickie Y. Kim

For: LOCAL PREVENTION OR  
AMELIORATION OF PAIN FROM  
SURGICALLY CLOSED WOUNDS

Attorney Docket No.: 10071-036-999

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 28, 2006, (the "Office Action") please consider the amendments and remarks below and enter them into the record of the above-identified application. Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination Transmittal, an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet, and a Petition for an Extension of Time for filing an Appeal Brief, for five (5) months from September 20, 2006 up to and including April 20, 2007, with provision for payment of the required fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 5 of this paper.